

# **False Teachers**

1 Tim 6:3-6

Ch 3 Qualifications.

Ch.1 Fables, endless genealogies .

False teachers exposed because of content

Ch.6: False teachers exposed—because of character

Detect false teachers--attitude

Oppose leadership. Jude 4, 8 2 Peter 2:9-10

Off base in teaching--often defiant, proud, morally corrupt.

**1 Timothy 6:...teach otherwise,** Instruct differently.

Promote different doctrine.

Teaching contrary to God's Word.

**and consent not**...come over to...join, fall in with; take to heart, begin to proclaim; become a dissenter; not agree with

**to wholesome words**, sound, unimpaired, pure, perfect, uninfected, healthy; English -Hygiene.

We are to be attentive to sound, unimpaired, healthy and wholesome teaching....

Able to detect spiritually diseased teachings.

**Healthy doctrine:**

**1. The words of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Agreement with teachings of Jesus John 6:63

**The words of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Food for growth.

The False teachers not committed to words of scripture

Talk about Jesus but not committed to Word of God

**2. The doctrine which is according to godliness;**

Healthy Bible teaching--results in godly living.

Litmus test--Produce godly living?

**Godliness:** reverence, respect, holy living, godly doing and godly being... complete devotion to God.

*Truth properly taught and believed, radically transforms both the teacher and the disciple.*

**1 Timothy 6:4**

**He is proud**, conceited, puffed up, completely inflated

2 Timothy 3:4 Proverbs 6:16-17

A person puffed up with self-importance is on brink of spiritual self-destruction

**Proud and conceited person.**

**1. Conceited Ignorance**

Not understand; not acquainted with facts.

Has no personal, experiential knowledge of what he's saying  
To puff up like a cloud of smoke  
Blowing smoke  
Full of hot air

Places himself as authority over Word of God.

*Conceitedness & silly ignorance so often go together.*

*Characteristic of sects and cults.*

2 Timothy 3:5, 7

Arabian proverb: *He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool—shun him*

**Knowing nothing:** His imagined intelligence, pretended scholarship, and supposed deeper insights amounts to mere foolishness to God Rom. 1:22; 1 Cor. 2:9–16 Jude 1:12-13 2 Peter 2:12

## 2. Spiritual sickness.

**Doting:** sick, diseased Matt 4:23; Lk 4:40; Lk 7:21

Reject wholesome, healthy principles of scriptures.

### Harmful viruses:

#### 1. Meaningless phrases and words.

Abnormally pursues meaningless phrases and words...giant ego.

**Questions:** debates, controversy. Idle speculations.

#### 2. Word battles.

**Strifes of words.** Word battles, word-wars.

False teachers do little more than quibble over terminology.

Pseudo-intellectual theorizing

2 Timothy 2:14

*Spiritual semantics destroy vitality and purpose.*

Lenski: *Involved in all kinds of investigations and disputes about things valueless, that lead to nothing but endless word battles.*

A doubting mentality over things which have little impact

Witch-hunt mentality

*A spiritually diseased person will make mountains out of molehills.*

## 3. Personal conflicts.

*A proud teacher looks upon all others as threats to his positional security*

*....whereof cometh... out of which things come*

Wrong Responses---Conflicts

**A. Envy.** Resenting success of others.

**B. Strife:** *Envy is emotion; strife is expression of emotion.*

Strife manifested by abusive language, slander, and insult.

1 Corinthians 3:3

**C. Defiant irreverence.**

**Railings.** Blasphemies.

Insults and abusive language directed against God or man.

*A denunciation couched in sacred words*

**D. Assumes negative of others.**

***Evil surmisings:*** *under thoughts.*

Malicious suspicion.

Naturally ascribes wrong motives to others.

*A proud teacher is insecure and suspicious of all who could threaten his leadership*

**E. Bitter conflicts**

***Perverse disputings***—always in conflicts.

False teachers don't get along!

Picture of thorough, mutual irritation or friction caused by constant rubbing.

**4. Perverted minds.**

**1 Timothy 6:5**

**Corrupt:** depraved, opposes truth and welcomes lie, dirty, filthy...discolored. Diseased.

*These irritations are mutual between men whose minds are diseased with errors*

**Corrupt minds:** depraved or unconverted minds.

Romans 8:7

A corrupt mind will not be open to the truth of God's Word.

**Destitute:** in state of apostasy.

Passive voice: someone or something pulled them away from truth.

Bereft, defrauded, robbed of truth. Spiritually bankrupt.

*A man's morals dictates his doctrine. .... theology.*

A pure thought-life vital to having understanding of biblical truth.

**5. Materialistic thinking.**

**Gain:** financial gain.

Thought: If have material wealth—then qualified for spiritual leadership!

Emphasis:

- External-- instead of internal
- Applause of men- instead of praise of God
- Do it my way— instead of God's way
- Don't criticize me— instead of Sharpen me
- If you disagree with me, I will hurt you—I'll research more..I am open to truth.
- Don't let anyone tell me what to do—instead of obey authority.

**supposing that gain is godliness:** Deeming, regarding godliness as means to get rich.

How child of God view money?

Matthew 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

***... from such withdraw thyself.***

Gutzke: *The minister must be careful whom he accepts as his companion. There will be men who are not willing to submit to the demands of godliness and righteousness but want to be accepted as interpreters of the truth. Paul might say "If there is nay person who does not consent to these rules for his personal relationship with God, who is not in favor of humbly submitting himself to other people, that person is proud, knowing nothing.*

Proverbs 13:20 Proverbs 14:7

## **So what?**

Ever consented to Word of God and doctrine leading to godliness?

Ever given yourself wholeheartedly to words of Jesus and doctrine that leads to godly living?

v.4 He is proud.... Have you humbled yourself before God

How's your attitude?

1. Conceited Ignorance
2. Spiritual sickness... *doting about questions and strifes of words,*
3. Personal conflicts... *doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings*
4. Perverted minds... *Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth*
5. Materialistic thinking... *supposing that gain is godliness*